

Morning Highlights

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HIGHLIGHTS

- Many people from Alaska have been assigned to aid in fire suppression in the Lower-48. If you are interested in voting but expect to be out of state on a fire assignment during upcoming elections, call 907-375-6400 to learn more about absentee voting. Please refer to the latest News Release for more information: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/organization/newsroom/newsroom.php>
- If you plan on going to the Tanana Valley State Fair, please visit the Interagency booth to pick up materials about defensible space. The log structure is on the east side and has a sign that says Society of American Foresters on it.
- Congratulations to BLM-AFS employee Mary Jane Derendoff who received First Place for a beaded suncatcher that she entered in the Tanana Valley State Fair.
- Initial attack was heavy nationally on Wednesday with 367 new fires reported. For more information visit: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>.
- No new fires were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center (AICC) Wednesday. Currently 18 fires are active in Alaska. AICC reports that so far this year 279 fires have burned nearly 269,560 acres statewide. No fires in Alaska are staffed.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>
 - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
 - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/pdfs/02firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov>
- Division of Forestry, Burn Permit Info: (907) 451-2626, <http://www.dnr.state.ak.us/forestry/fire/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>

The Bureau of Land Management Alaska Fire Service provides wildland fire suppression services for all Department of the Interior and Native Corporation lands in Alaska, and assists those entities with other fire management activities including: guidance and interpretation of fire policy for BLM Alaska and management of the BLM Alaska aviation program. In addition to fire suppression missions, AFS also conducts prescribed fires in accordance with various partner agreements.

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